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OVERALL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 21

Draft report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

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1. At the 1st plenary meeting of its nineteenth special session, on 23 June 1997, the General Assembly established an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Nineteenth Special Session and elected Mr. Mostafa Tolba (Egypt) Chairman, by acclamation.

2. The Ad Hoc Committee held __ meetings, on 23, 24 and __ June 1997, to hear representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, and intergovernmental organizations (see A/S-19/AC.1/SR.1 and 2) and to consider the question of the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (see A/S-19/AC.1/SR.____).

3. At its 1st meeting, on 23 June, the Ad Hoc Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Mr. John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), Ms. Idunn Eidheim (Norway) and Mr. Czeslaw Wieckowski (Poland) Vice-Chairmen. The Ad Hoc Committee decided that Mr. Wieckowski would also serve as Rapporteur.

4. In connection with its consideration of the question of the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21, the Ad Hoc Committee had before it the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly (A/S-19/14-E/1997/60).

5. At its 1st meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee heard statements by the Chairperson of the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development; the Minister of Environment and Tourism of Zimbabwe and Chairman of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; the

Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa; the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe (on behalf of the regional commissions); the Director of United Nations Affairs and External Relations of the United Nations Children's Fund; the representative of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women; and the Deputy Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

6. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Deputy Director-General of the International Labour Organization and the Assistant Director of the Fiscal Affairs Division of the International Monetary Fund.

7. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the Head of the Environment and Sustainable Development Division of the African Development Bank and the Assistant Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

8. At the 2nd meeting, on 24 June, the Ad Hoc Committee heard a statement by the Minister of the Environment of Argentina, in her capacity as Chairman of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

9. At the same meeting, the Rector of the United Nations University made a statement.

10. Also at the 2nd meeting, statements were made by the Director-General of the International Organization for Migration; the Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation; the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat; the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization; and the Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

11. The Executive Director of the International Energy Agency also made a statement.

12. At the ___ and ___ meetings, on __ and __ June 1997, the Ad Hoc Committee had an extensive exchange of views on the draft final document.

13. ...

Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Nineteenth Special Session

14. The Ad Hoc Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

[Title]

The General Assembly

Adopts the ___ [title] ___ annexed to the present resolution.

[For the text of the ___ [title] ___, see A/S-19/14-E/1997/60, A/S-19/AC.1/L.1/Add.1- ___ and A/S-19/AC.1/L.2.]